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THREE FISHERMAN RESCUED BEFORE BOAT SINKS

Point Judith, R.I. –Three fisherman were rescued late Saturday night after their vessel ran aground south of Point Judith harbor.

At 11:30 P.M. the Coast Guard received a call from the 72' western rig F/V Lady Helen who reported they had run aground and were taking on water outside of Point Judith harbor by the West Gap. Coast Guard Station Point Judith launched their 47' Motor Life Boat and successfully retrieved the three crewmembers before the F/V Lady Helen sunk against the jetty wall. No injuries were reported.

Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Providence is investigating a reported fuel oil spill as a result of the incident. The three rescued crewmembers were screened for alcohol and all tested negative.

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